

THE U.S. STRIKES GOLD



NOW YOU CAN OWN A PIECE OF AMERICA'S GOLD RESERVES.

WHY GOLD?

For centuries, man has looked to precious metals as a means of storing, protecting and enhancing his wealth.

Of all precious metals, gold stands preeminent through the ages as the most widely recognized, sought after, and valuable. In fact, to this day, all the major governments of the world hold gold as an essential reserve asset.

WHY AMERICAN GOLD?

Deeply rooted in the history and traditions of America, gold has long occupied a very special place in our national imagination.

From our country's earliest days...through the great California and Alaska gold rushes...to the present legalized ownership of gold bullion by American citizens...this one precious metal has played a more significant role in our history than any other.

And now our nation's gold is destined to be the focus of even greater attention. Because now it is easier than ever to invest in gold from America's own reserves. Gold issued by the United States Mint. Mandated by the U.S. Congress. And destined by congressional intent to be owned by as many American citizens as possible.

U.S. Gold—officially known as the American Arts Gold Medallion. A simple way to invest in an American tradition.



EASY TO BUY, EASY TO SELL. IN TWO POPULAR SIZES— ONE OUNCE AND ONE-HALF OUNCE FINE GOLD.

GET THE FLEXIBILITY YOU WANT.

Some investors buy gold to trade against short-term price movements. Like any commodity in a free market, the price of gold fluctuates according to supply and demand. Other investors buy gold as a hedge against inflation. Many experts say that every investor should own some gold as a means of diversifying risk—since gold responds to market dynamics different from those that govern most stocks and bonds.

Naturally, you'll want to make a thoughtful assessment of how much gold is appropriate for your own portfolio. But whatever amount you decide is right for you, U.S. Gold represents an opportunity to own gold in its most convenient and desirable form. U.S. Gold is available *now* in one ounce and one-half ounce sizes. There has never been a better or easier way to buy American gold. For yourself...for your children...or as a very special gift.

U.S. GOLD. TRADEABLE AND LIQUID.

Here is a special opportunity for every American. U.S. Gold is easy to buy, easy to sell. It is a highly liquid investment and tradeable without assay.

The two available sizes—one troy ounce and one-half troy ounce of fine gold—are popular among investors, enhancing the liquidity of your holdings.

Unlike numismatic coins whose primary market appeal and value lie in their rarity or collectibility, the value of U.S. Gold is directly related to the daily gold commodity price. The approximate market value is easily checked in the financial section of your daily newspaper—providing you with continuous information on the total value of your gold holdings.



PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

	One ounce size	One-half ounce size
Total Weight:	1.111 troy ounce	0.555 troy ounce
Content:	One troy ounce fine gold	One-half troy ounce fine gold
	Balance, copper or copper/silver alloy	Balance, copper or copper/silver alloy
Fineness:	0.900 fine, 21.6 karat*	0.900 fine, 21.6 karat*
Approximate	1.27" diameter	1.09" diameter
Size:	0.110" thickness	0.077" thickness

* This is the traditional composition and purity of America's gold coinage.

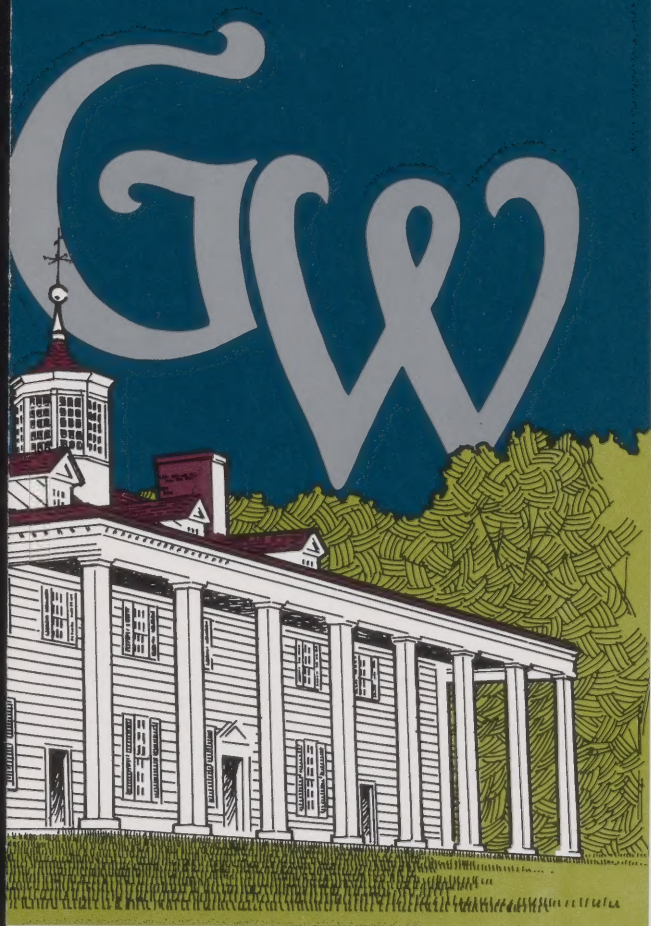


U.S. GOLD™

U.S. Gold is issued by the
Department of the Treasury, United States Mint.
Primary Distributor: J. Aron & Company,
a member of the Goldman Sachs Group.

Mandated by the U.S. Congress and struck by the United States Mint, U.S. Gold features distinguished American artists.

For the five years of mintage mandated by Congress, the following distinguished Americans have been selected for depiction on the one ounce and half ounce sizes, respectively. In 1980, painter Grant Wood and opera singer Marian Anderson. In 1981, authors Mark Twain and Willa Cather. In 1982, musician Louis Armstrong and architect Frank Lloyd Wright. In 1983, poet Robert Frost and sculptor Alexander Calder. In 1984, actress Helen Hayes and novelist John Steinbeck.



George Washington
Commemorative
Half-Dollar
Coins

UNCIRCULATED



The George Washington **Uncirculated** Commemorative half dollar is produced by the United States Mint in Denver, Colorado. The coin is sealed in polyester film and inserted in an information folder. This folder, which includes a short message from Mint Director Donna Pope detailing the coin's physical characteristics and composition, is placed in a blue presentation case. The outline of George Washington's portrait, along with a reproduction of his signature, is imprinted on the top of the presentation case.

Designer:

Elizabeth Jones, Chief Sculptor and Engraver of the United States

Design:

Obv. Equestrian portrait of George Washington. GEORGE WASHINGTON/ 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH • 1982 and to left LIBERTY EJ.

Rev. Eastern facade of Mt. Vernon and below an heraldic eagle with banner E PLURIBUS UNUM. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA/HALF DOLLAR and above design IN GOD WE TRUST.

Mintmark:

"S"—Proof; "D"—Uncirculated

Order Instructions

TO ORDER:

- Write the number of coins you wish to order on the order card.
- Indicate type of payment on the order card.
- Sign the order card.
- Detach the appropriate portion of the enclosed magnetic strip.
- Write your customer number (from the order card) on to the upper right hand corner of your payment.

ACCEPTABLE PAYMENTS:

Personal check

Cashier's check

U.S. or International money order

(Payments must be drawn on a U.S. bank and payable in U.S. currency.)

Make check or money order payable to BUREAU OF THE MINT. The Mint assumes no liability for loss of payments when the Bureau of the Mint is not specified as payee. Do not send cash.

ORDER LIMITATION:

Twenty-five (25) proof coins per **proof** order

Twenty-five (25) uncirculated coins per **uncirculated** order.

PLEASE DO NOT COMBINE PROOF AND UNCIRCULATED ORDERS.

Customers wanting to order more than 25 of either coin should send a separate payment and letter indicating their customer number to the Bureau of the Mint, 55 Mint Street, San Francisco, CA 94175. The limitations are imposed to make these coins available to as many customers as possible and may be reduced to promote equitable distribution. If the Mint cannot honor an order, a refund will be made. Orders cannot be cancelled by the customer.

TO CHANGE ADDRESS:

Punch out circle on the order card.
Print new address on the order card.
Detach top portion of magnetic strip.

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Customers will receive a card acknowledging receipt of their order. The customer's order number and the expected delivery date will be indicated on the card.

ORDER DELIVERY

These coins will be produced during the last half of 1982 and the first half of 1983. Customers should allow several months for delivery of their order.

PROOF



The George Washington **Proof** Commemorative half dollar is produced by the United States Assay Office in San Francisco, California. The coin is encapsulated and placed in a burgundy-colored velour coin holder which allows the coin to be displayed if desired. The holder is inserted in a burgundy presentation case. An outline of George Washington's portrait, along with a reproduction of his signature, is imprinted on the top of the presentation case.

An insert giving the coin's physical characteristics and a short message from Mint Director Donna Pope detailing the coin's composition is included with each coin.

Size:	1.205" in diameter; reeded edge
Weight:	.4019 troy oz.
Composition:	.3617 fine troy oz. silver .0402 troy oz. copper
Fineness:	.900 silver; .100 copper
Mint:	Proof—United States Assay Office, San Francisco Uncirculated—United States Mint, Denver
Authority:	Public Law 97-104 December 23, 1981

The Commemorative Tradition

This commemorative half dollar marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of George Washington, eulogized in 1799 by Henry Lee as "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

The coin, honoring our nation's first President, also represents some "firsts" for our own era. It will be the first time since 1954 that there has been a U.S. commemorative half dollar and the first time since 1964 that a 90% silver coin has been produced by the U.S. Mint.

The commemorative concept itself, however, dates almost to the origin of coinage. Important personages, events, or localities have appeared on special coins minted by areas as diverse as ancient Greece and the modern Orient. The tradition also exists with U.S. coinage. The first U.S. commemorative coin, the World's Columbian Exposition piece, was struck in 1892. This issuance of commemorative coins continued in the United States through the first half of the twentieth century until 1954 when the last of the pieces honoring George Washington Carver and Booker T. Washington were minted in Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco.

The George Washington half dollar offers Americans new beginnings and old traditions. It is a piece of remembering and of anticipation.



If you write to us about your order, please:

1. Refer to your customer number.
2. Enclose a **copy** of both sides of your cancelled payment as it is stamped with your order number during processing. Do **not** send original payment—it is your receipt.
3. Inquiries about orders must be made within one year of order since postal registry records are maintained by the U.S. Postal Service for a limited time.
4. Postage-paid labels for returning orders damaged in shipment are available upon request. Replacement of damaged orders takes 6–8 weeks. Address inquiries to: Bureau of the Mint, 55 Mint Street, San Francisco, CA 94175. Telephone: (415) 974-0780.

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Write Customer Number here for your records.





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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
BUREAU OF THE MINT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT

October 1982

Dear United States Mint Customer:

Two important firsts are about to happen! The United States Government for the first time in 50 years will issue a gold coin; and the U.S. Mint will strike the first Olympic Commemorative Coinage ever issued by our country.

It is an exciting new era for coin collectors. We know you, our valued customer, will not want to miss this special opportunity to be among the first to acquire these beautiful proof issues and also to confirm the numismatic support given to the legislation that authorized this coinage.

The U.S. Mint is offering you immediately three purchase options designed for early ordering of these collectible coins. By advance ordering now, you will ensure delivery of these high-quality artistic coins at the current prices listed on the enclosed order form and you will help to provide funds needed now for the Olympics.

This initial offering will last only until December 15, 1982. If you purchase now you may reserve the coins at the current pre-issue prices. In the future, prices may be adjusted to reflect changes in costs, such as that of gold and silver bullion.

We now can offer you an opportunity to acquire unlimited silver coins. However, the Mint reserves the right to limit sales of the gold coin to ensure equitable distribution. In addition, should major changes in silver or gold bullion prices occur, the Mint reserves the right to discontinue acceptance of orders. Once your order is accepted, however, we will not cancel it due to changes in bullion prices.

I personally urge you to act now to acquire your coins. I know you will be pleased to own these beautiful coins and as the flaming torch from Olympia signals the beginning of the 1984 Games, you will be proud to have supported our American Olympic effort.

Sincerely,

Donna Pope
Director of the Mint

P.S. Please review the coin specifications which follow for this important issue; then use your official order form and return envelope to reserve your Olympic Coins today. Thank you.

COMMEMORATIVE COINS of the 1984 OLYMPICS



OLYMPIC COIN SPECIFICATIONS

One Dollar Silver Coins

Condition: Proof
Date: 1983 and 1984
Fineness: .900 fine
Diameter: 1.50 in. (38.10mm) U.S. Silver Dollar Size
Weight: .86 troy oz. (26.73 g)
Content: Silver: .77 troy oz. (24.06g)
Copper: .09 troy oz. (2.67g)
Traditional Content for U.S. Silver Coinage

Ten Dollar Gold Coin

Condition: Proof
Date: 1984 only
Fineness: .900 fine - 21.6 karat
Diameter: 1.06 in. (27.00mm) U.S. Gold Eagle Size
Weight: .538 troy oz. (16.718 g)
Content: Gold: .484 troy oz. (15.046 g)
Copper: .054 troy oz. (1.672g)
Traditional Content for U.S. Gold Coinage

Public Law 97-220 specifies not more than fifty million One Dollar Silver Coins and two million Ten Dollar Gold Coins shall be minted in proof and uncirculated condition. Only proof coins are being offered at this time.

DESIGNS

Final designs of the coins are currently being prepared. The three-coin series will bear three different and magnificent obverse designs with themes symbolic of the Olympic Games. All coins will be legal tender and will bear the year of mintage, face value, and the inscriptions "Liberty," "In God We Trust," "United States of America," and "E Pluribus Unum."

Your collection of exceptional beauty in glowing silver and gold will be encased in attractively designed display cases. Option #1 will feature a *three-coin case*, Option #2 will be in a *double case*, and Option #3 will include a *single case*. The cases for Options #1, #2, and #3 will be sent with your first coin shipment. The balance of the coins for Options #1 and #2 ordered will be sent at a later date for insertion in your cases.

ORDER INQUIRIES:

Inquiries about orders may be made by writing to Bureau of the Mint, 55 Mint Street, San Francisco, CA 94175, (415-974-0780). Please indicate your Customer Number and your daytime telephone number.

ORDER INSTRUCTIONS

TO ORDER:

1. On the accompanying order card, check the option(s) and fill in the total amount of payment.
2. Indicate type of payment.
3. Sign and date your order card.
4. Write your Customer Number on your check or money order in the upper right-hand corner.
5. Write a check or money order payable to *Bureau of the Mint*. You may send a personal check, Cashier's Check, U.S. or International Money Order. Payments must be drawn on a U.S. bank and payable in U.S. Currency. *Note:* The Mint assumes no liability for loss of payments when the Bureau of the Mint is not specified as payee. (Please do not send cash.)
6. To change or correct your address, punch out the circle on the order card and print your correct address.
7. Fill in and retain the CUSTOMER RECORD OF PURCHASE on this brochure for your future reference.

ORDER LIMITATIONS:

There are no limitations on Options #2 and #3 for Silver Coins. However, the Mint reserves the right to limit Option #1 containing the Gold Coin, in order to ensure equitable distribution. If the Mint cannot honor an order, a refund will be made. *Orders cannot be canceled by the customer.*

ORDERING DEADLINE:

We expect to accept orders at the prices indicated on the order form until December 15, 1982. However, in the event that a significant increase in bullion prices should occur, the Mint reserves the right to discontinue order acceptance. Once your order is accepted, however, we will not cancel it due to changes in bullion prices.

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Customers will receive a card acknowledging receipt of orders. An order number and an expected delivery date will be indicated on the card.

ORDER DELIVERY:

Olympic Coins will be produced in 1983 and 1984. After minting of the coins in the year designated, we will fill your prepaid order on a priority basis. Customers should allow several months into 1983 for delivery of the 1983 coins and an additional year for delivery of the 1984 coins.

U. S OLYMPIC COINS

Purchase Options*

Option # 1

1983 Silver One Dollar Proof Coin
1984 Silver One Dollar Proof Coin
1984 Gold Ten Dollar Proof Coin

Option # 2

1983 Silver One Dollar Proof Coin
1984 Silver One Dollar Proof Coin

Option # 3

1983 Silver One Dollar Proof Coin

*COIN PRICES ARE STATED ON ORDER CARD.

Congress has directed the Mint to provide \$10.00 from the sale of each Silver coin and \$50.00 from the sale of each Gold coin to support the U.S. Olympic effort.



Customer Record of Purchase

Customer Number _____

	Number	Price	Total
Option # 1	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Option # 2	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Option # 3	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Total Payment \$ _____

Check Number _____

Date ordered ____/____/1982

**ARTISTS' RENDITIONS
OF
OLYMPIC COIN DESIGNS**

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Coin Designs Illustrated Larger Than Actual Size

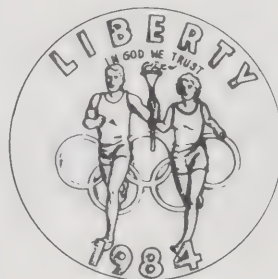
Actual Coin Specifications are Contained in Brochure

1983 Silver
Dollar Coin

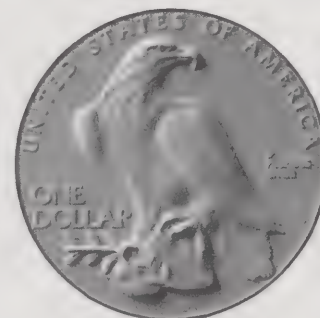
1984 Gold
Ten Dollar Coin

* 1984 Silver
Dollar Coin

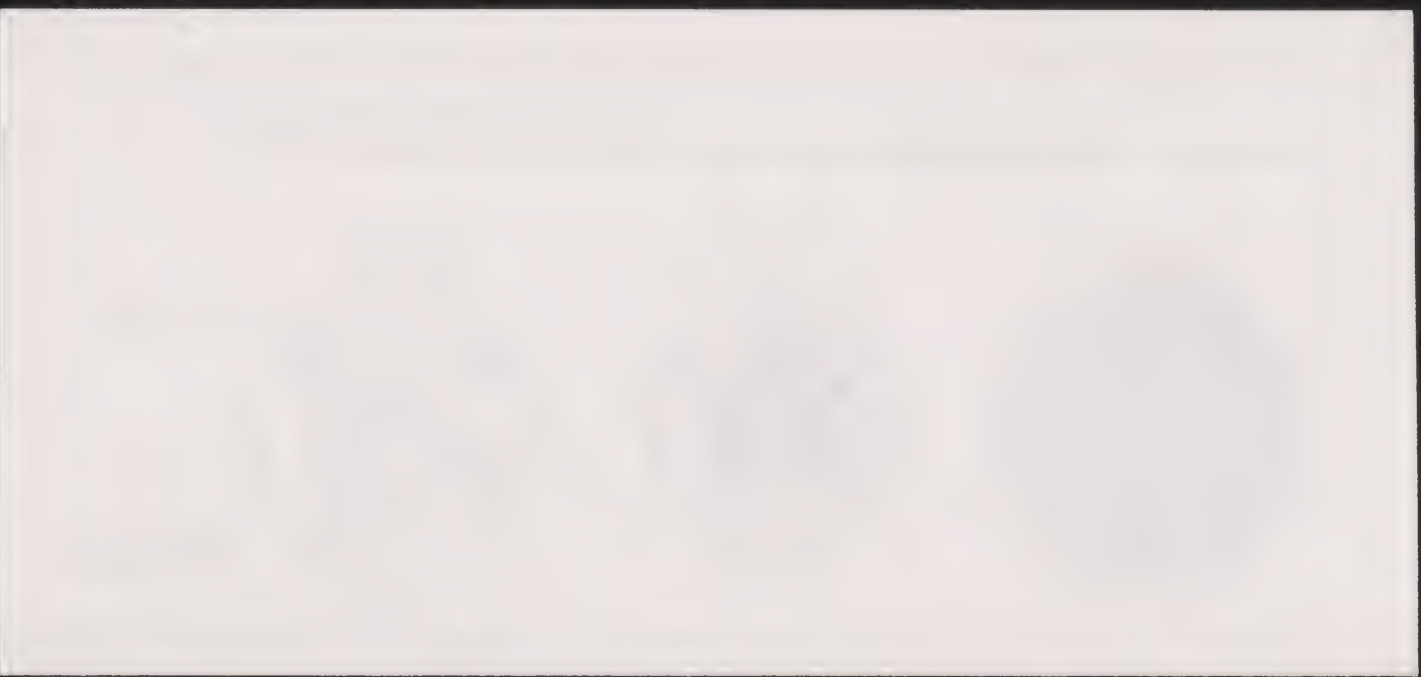
OBVERSE



REVERSE



* This is a reproduction of a plaster model prepared by the artist. The other designs shown here are reproductions of the artists' sketches





THE TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

October 12, 1982

Dear Friends:

Only recently, Secretary Donald T. Regan approved designs of the three commemorative coins for the 1984 Olympic Games. I knew you would want to see these designs as you decide which coins you want to own as a collector or to give as a gift, so I have enclosed a reproduction of the artists' renditions of their designs. I also felt you might be interested in a brief history of each artist.

The 1983 silver \$1 coin has been designed by Miss Elizabeth Jones, our exceptionally talented Chief Engraver. The obverse of the coin will be an artistic representation of the Greek Discus Thrower; the reverse, an eagle head. Miss Jones, when appointed Chief Engraver by President Reagan in 1981, became the first woman ever to hold this position. She is also responsible for the design of the George Washington Commemorative Coin issued this year.

The 1984 silver \$1 coin has been designed by Mr. Robert Graham, an American artist from Los Angeles, California. He was commissioned by the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee to create a major sculpture which is to be placed in front of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. This sculpture will be unveiled in the year of the coin, 1984. The design of the coin depicts this sculpture with the Olympic Stadium in the background and the full eagle on the reverse.

The 1984 gold \$10 coin, the first gold coin to be issued by the United States in some 50 years, has been designed by Mr. James Peed, a visual information specialist with the Bureau of the Mint and a competent artist in his own right. Although he studied under the former Chief Engraver Frank Gasparro some years ago, Mr. Peed is no longer part of the Mint's engraving staff and did the work on the designs in his evenings and on weekends. The obverse design of the gold coin depicts the Olympic torch runners, and a traditional eagle design appears on the reverse.

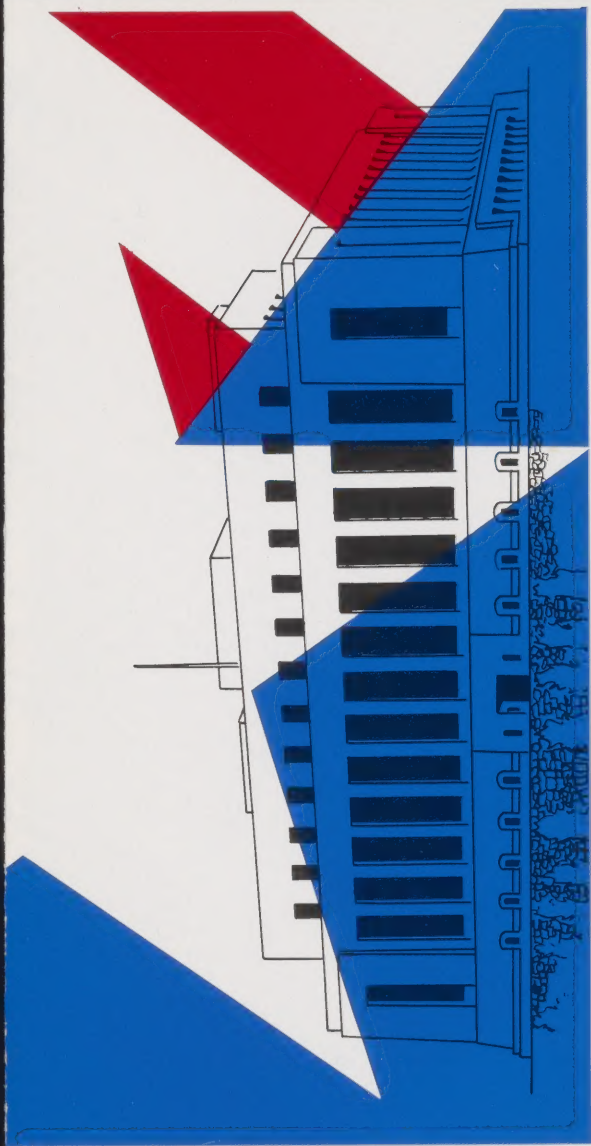
On behalf of the Department of the Treasury and the United States Mint, I wish to thank you for your continued support and I hope you will consider your purchase of these unique commemorative coins today.

Warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Angela M. Buchanan
Treasurer of the United States

P.S. Keep in mind, the three coin set is of limited issue. You are among the first to be offered the opportunity to acquire them. Please act now to assure that your coin set is complete at these first issue prices. I can give you no assurance of either prices or supplies in the future.



1982 PROOF COIN SET

PROOF

handling being given to both the dies and the blanks. Proof blanks are burnished with thousands of steel beads to buff out imperfections and polish the surface. The polished blanks are then rinsed, dried and transferred to the press room where a final cleaning and inspection is given them by the coin operator before they are struck. Proof dies are first sandblasted resulting in a frosted appearance and to the die's surface. The portrait is then covered with tape and the background is polished with several grades of diamond polish and buffed. When the tape is removed the frosted design against the polished background gives a beautiful two-toned effect to the die which is transferred to the coins when they are individually struck twice. Proof coins are sealed in a clear plastic package to protect their beauty.

1982

The 1982 Proof Coin Set...

...Contains a proof half dollar, quarter, nickel, dime and one cent coin produced by the San Francisco Assay Office. These are the only coins to have the 'S' mint mark in 1982. This year's set also contains a proof medal featuring the Treasury Seal and the date 1789 on the obverse and an eagle and the inscription United States Proof Set on the reverse. The medal was specially designed for the 1982 sets which are priced at \$11.00 per set. The production of proof coins is a unique operation with special

COIN

However, if orders exceed our production capability an earlier cut-off date will be announced. All orders received after the announced cut-off date will be returned. If your payment is deposited and we cannot honor your order, a refund will be made. Orders cannot be canceled by the customer.

Mailing of sets: The 1982 sets will be produced, packaged and mailed throughout the year with all sets mailed by December 31, 1982. Notification of your order number and expected delivery date will be sent to you if your order is not among the first to be mailed.

Order Instructions

1. Sign your order card.
2. Indicate the number of sets you wish to order, the amount of your payment and detach the appropriate portion of the magnetic strip insert.
3. Copy the customer number from the order card onto the upper right hand corner of your payment.
4. Specify BUREAU OF THE MINT as sole payee on your remittance. The Mint assumes no liability for loss of payments when no payee is specified on the remittance.

ONLY ACCEPTABLE PAYMENTS:

- (a) a personal check or cashier's check drawn on a U.S. bank and payable in U.S. currency or
- (b) a U.S. or International money order.

Ordering period: Beginning February 1, 1982. Please note that the order period is earlier than usual. The Mint anticipates for accepting orders for at least a two month period.

SET

5. To change your address: (a) punch out circle on the order card; (b) print new address on the order card; (c) detach top portion of the magnetic strip insert.
6. Return order card (to be used only by addressee), magnetic strip insert and payment in envelope provided. All customers ordering by letter or by order card must send a separate payment for each order. Please do not send more than one order in an envelope.

If you write to us about your order, please

1. Refer to your customer number in your letter.
2. Enclose a copy of both sides of your canceled payment as it is stamped with your order number during processing. Do not send your original payment—it is your receipt.
3. Inquiries about orders not received must be made within one year since postal registry records are maintained by the United States Postal Service for only 12 months. After a year, the order can no longer be traced. Postage—paid labels for returning orders damaged in shipment are available upon request. Replacement of damaged sets takes 6-8 weeks. Address inquiries to: Bureau of the Mint, 55 Mint Street, San Francisco, CA 94175.



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Write Customer Number here for your records.

Featured on the front panel—
The San Francisco Assay Office,
home of proof coin production
since 1968. Congress designated
this facility as an Assay Office
in July 1962 with Public Law
87-534. Prior to that time the
building, which was built in
1937, had been a Mint; however,
because of high operating costs
and facility expansion at the
Denver and Philadelphia Mints,
coinage operations in San
Francisco were closed down
in March 1955. In the mid-
sixties a critical shortage of
coins began to develop and the
Assay Office was called upon
to fabricate one cent and five
cent blanks which were shipped
to the Denver Mint to be struck.
In 1965 the Assay Office was
given authority to strike coins
for circulation. The San
Francisco Assay Office continues
the production of one cent coins,
with no mint mark, for
circulation in addition to the
highly specialized production
of proof coins. Over 3.5 million
proof coin sets were sold last
year.

